

III. Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended): A laser-welded driveshaft comprising:

a tube having a driveshaft wall extending to an open end, the wall having inner and outer surfaces; and

a yoke ~~Nd:YAG laser welded to the open end of the tube, the yoke~~ having a body portion and a tube-engaging pilot extending from the body portion, the body portion having a head and an outer wall extending therefrom to the tube-engaging pilot, the pilot having a contact wall extending from the outer wall defining an outer shoulder to engage the open end of the tube, the contact wall being radially formed to insert through the open end and engage the inner surface of the driveshaft wall to press fit into the ~~tube.~~ tube;

a Nd:YAG laser-welded material located proximal to the outer shoulder and to the open end of the tube.

17. (Currently Amended): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 16 wherein the driveshaft comprises ~~[[the]]~~ a metal alloy.

18. (Original): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 17 wherein the metal alloy is aluminum alloy.

19. (Currently Amended): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 16 wherein the driveshaft is configured to have a balance less than 0.2 ~~[[in-oz]]~~ oz-in balance.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A laser-welded driveshaft comprising:

a tube having a driveshaft wall extending to an open end, the wall having inner and outer surfaces; and

a yoke having a body portion and a tube-engaging pilot extending from the body portion, the body portion having a head and an outer wall extending therefrom to the tube-engaging pilot, the pilot having a contact wall extending from the outer wall defining an outer shoulder to engage the open end of the tube, the contact wall being radially formed to insert through the open end and engage the inner surface of the driveshaft wall to press fit into the tube;

a laser-welded material located proximal to the outer shoulder and to the open end of the tube.

22. (New): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 21 wherein the driveshaft comprises a metal alloy.

23. (New): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 22 wherein the metal alloy is aluminum alloy.

24. (New): The laser-welded driveshaft of claim 21 wherein the driveshaft is configured to have a balance less than 0.2 oz-in balance.